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MEMORANDUM

October 30, 1962

TO: G - Mr. U. Alexis Johnson
FROM: G/PM - Jeffrey C. Kitchen
SUBJECT: The Rostow Committee Memorandum on "Negotiation"

The Rostow subcommittee of EXCOM has prepared two drafts of a paper on the general subject of negotiation with the Soviets. A memorandum of October 26 on which we have commented in a memorandum to you of that date, and a revised version of the paper dated October 27 have been circulated. Another revised version is due for issuance today and discussion tomorrow. It is not, however, clear whether these draft versions are being informally circulated to EXCOM, and we would like to note again our continuing concern about one or two aspects of this paper.

Assuming, as the revised versions of this paper do, that Soviet offensive weapons will be removed from Cuba before a major US-Soviet negotiation, the chief purpose of such negotiation would be to explore and encourage any disposition by the Soviet leaders to seek a modus vivendi on one or more of the major issues of arms control, disarmament, Berlin, European Security, and Southeast Asia. The arms control and disarmament portions are being reviewed by ACDA, which has participated inactively in the Rostow committee while reviewing these matters in ACDA. It is, therefore, too early to know what provisions other than non-diffusion of nuclear weapons and the arms control proposal for outer space, will be included.

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